



Proclamation

Presented to

National Multiple Sclerosis Society

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) affects more than 400,000 people in the United States and more than 5,600 people in Hawai'i including people living with MS, their families, friends, care partners, employers, and health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society addresses the challenges of each person affected by MS by funding research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education and providing programs and services to help people with MS and their families move their lives forward;

WHEREAS, most people with multiple sclerosis are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease; and

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system, interrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of multiple sclerosis range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis; and the progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is planning several major statewide fundraisers and programs to raise MS awareness and is dedicated to achieving a world free of MS;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 14-20, 2011, as

"MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK"

in Hawai'i, and ask people in the Aloha State to learn more about multiple sclerosis, and to honor the outstanding work the National Multiple Sclerosis Society does in our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of March, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i